

of the State Treasury to pay for the expenses of said publication and election.

[NOTE.—S. J. R. No. 3 passed the Senate, May 1, 1935, by a vote of 27 yeas, 3 nays; passed the House, May 1, 1935, by a vote of 123 yeas, 11 nays.]

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PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT SPECIAL SESSIONS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

H. J. R. No. 48.]

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

House Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1, of Article XVII, of the Constitution of Texas, providing that Constitutional Amendments may be submitted by the Legislature at Special Sessions under certain conditions; providing for an election on the question of the adoption of such amendment and providing for the proclamation and the publication thereof; describing the form of ballot, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 1, of Article XVII, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 1. How the Constitution is to be Amended. The Legislature, at any biennial session, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each House, to be entered by yeas and nays on the Journals, may propose Amendments to the Constitution, to be voted upon by the qualified electors for members of the Legislature, which proposed Amendments shall be duly published once a week for four (4) weeks, commencing at least three (3) months before an election, the time of which shall be specified by the Legislature, in one weekly newspaper of each county, in which such a newspaper may be published; and it shall be the duty of the several returning officers of said election, to open a poll for, and make returns to the Secretary of State of the number of legal votes cast at said election for and against said Amendments; and if more than one be proposed, then the number of votes cast for and against each of them; and if it shall appear from said return, that a majority of the

votes cast, have been cast in favor of any Amendment, the said Amendment so receiving a majority of the votes cast, shall become a part of this Constitution, and proclamation shall be made by the Governor thereof; provided however, that in cases of extraordinary emergency affecting the State as a whole, Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed in the manner hereinabove set out upon the submission of the proposed Amendment by the Governor at any Special Session."

SEC. 2. The foregoing Amendment shall be submitted to the electors of this State who are qualified to vote on proposed Constitutional Amendments at an election to be held on the 24th day of August A. D. 1935, at which election each ballot shall have printed thereon for those favoring the Amendment the words:

"For the Amendment to Section 1, Article XVII, of the Constitution of Texas, providing that Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at Special Sessions of the Legislature under certain conditions." And those against the Amendment shall have printed the words:

"Against the Amendment to Section 1, Article XVII, of the Constitution of Texas, providing that Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at Special Sessions of the Legislature under certain conditions." Each voter shall strike out with pen or pencil the clause which does not indicate his desire regarding the above proposed Amendment.

SEC. 3. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and to have the above proposed Amendment published in the manner and for the time required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

SEC. 4. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay for the expenses of said publication and election.

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